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Northbound Outfitters to carry on outdoor tradition

Two couples have taken over a business that has operated in Grayling for nearly three dozen years under a new name at a new location.

Northbound Outfitters/Cross Country Ski Shop recently opened at 6041 West M-72.

Heather Compton and Brian Royce, and Karrie and Gabe Williams purchased the Cross Country Ski Shop, which was located behind the Ramada Inn of Grayling, from Dick Fultz. Fultz owned and operated the business for 34 years. **Page 9**

SPORTS

Squad has seven players back from last year's 19-win season



Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team – a squad that won 19 of its 24 games last year – has seven full-time varsity players returning from last year's roster.

"Obviously we have an experienced group; seven of our top nine kids are back from last year," Coach Rich Moffit said.

The Vikings won a district championship last year and made it to the regional finals, winning three playoff games. Grayling finished third in the Lake Michigan Conference last year with a 10-4 record in league play. **Page 12**

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About 700 meals were served during the 18th annual Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving Dinner, based at the Grayling Army Airfield on Thanksgiving Day. Right, Emma Prosser, a volunteer, is pictured with Patty Crandall, who wore a turkey hat as she took on the organization of the holiday feast for the first year.

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Volunteers serve up meals at annual Thanksgiving Day dinner

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

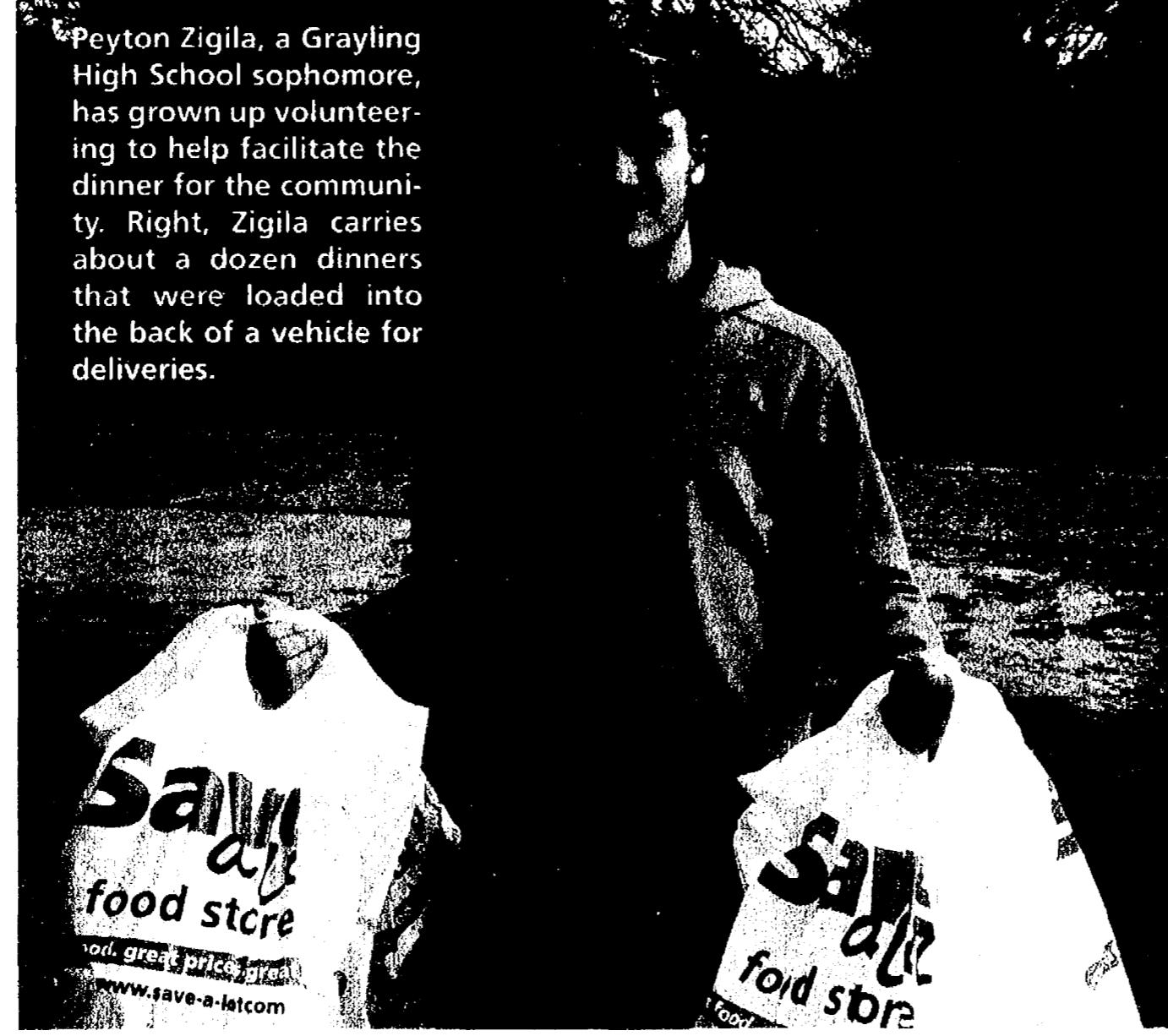
Sunny weather, an army of volunteers and plenty of good food combined for another successful Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

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The main theme for the holiday feast was the tradition will continue on. Therese and Skip Kaiser started the Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving Dinner at the St. John's Lutheran Church. Since then, it has been held at various locations, but found a perfect home at the Grayling Army Airfield two years ago in the modernized mess hall facilities.

This year, the Kaisers passed along organizing

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Peyton Zigila, a Grayling High School sophomore, has grown up volunteering to help facilitate the dinner for the community. Right, Zigila carries about a dozen dinners that were loaded into the back of a vehicle for deliveries.

Christmas Village rolls on with community's holidays

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Goodale family is taking a day off making baked goodies to issue an all aboard call to the community to come and view their Christmas Village and extensive train collection.

Loren Goodale Jr., the owner of Goodale's Bakery, and his son, Loren Goodale III, are holding their annual Goodale family fund raising open house, from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, to allow area residents to view the family's Christmas Village and extensive collection of model trains. The Goodale home is located at 1629 Industrial Drive, just off of M-72 East.

The family Christmas Village tradition dates back over two decades and was started by Goodale's mother, Caroline, who passed away in August 1999. Caroline collected ceramic buildings with a Christmas theme and believed that the holiday should be celebrated year-round instead of just

one day a year.

Keeping with the family legacy and a childhood love for model trains, the Christmas Village takes up Caroline's area of the home as a tribute to her love of the Christmas holiday.

Over the last year, the Christmas Village has grown to include over 425 buildings, 65 locomotives and 600 train cars.

"We've really made what was mother's section of the house Christmas year-round," Goodale said. "She always liked Christmas always said why celebrate it one day out of the year. We just expanded on that idea."

Other changes include the addition of new shopping plazas and a downtown shopping district, complete with a Christmas parade and handcrafted streetlights.

New buildings feature the Peanuts comic characters and NASCAR as a tip of the hat to Goodale's daughter,

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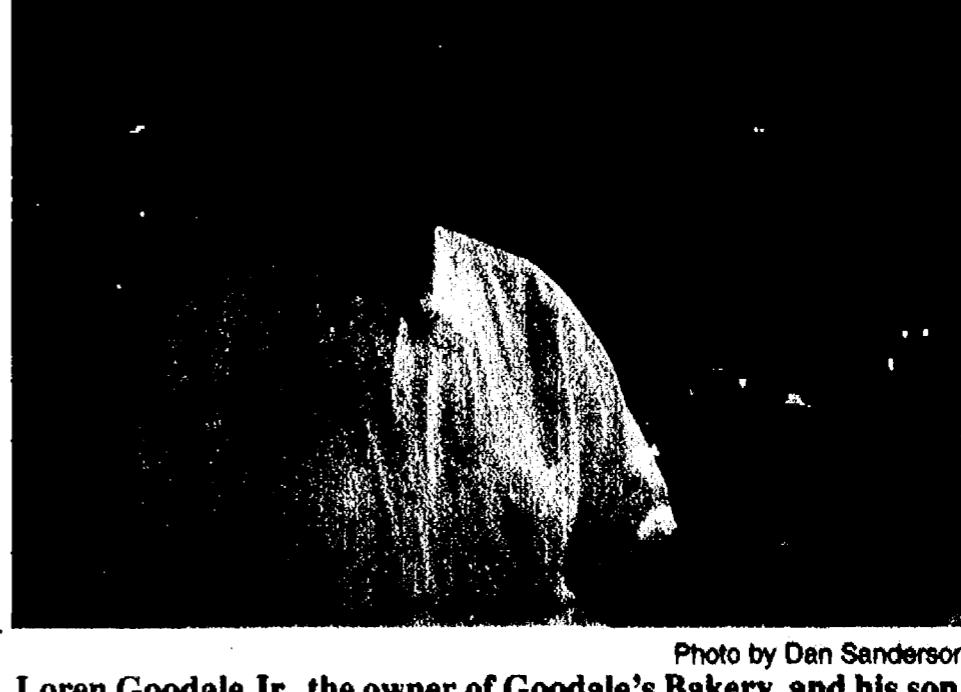


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County will replace old 911/dispatch consoles with narrowband equipment

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

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Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said use of the 2010 Homeland Security funds will still need approval from the local Homeland security group, which includes police, fire department and emergency management representatives.

"I don't see that as a big hurdle because everybody in that group is served by the dispatch," Compo said.

The consoles currently used by central dispatch are 20 years old, said Larry Akers, the emergency management/911 Director for Crawford County.

The last time the consoles were repaired, parts were taken from unused consoles in Manistee County.

"We really don't have a lot of options here," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, regarding replacing the antiquated equipment.

The county is also applying for a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to cover 25 percent of the cost for the consoles.

"We'll end up of shaving a sizeable chunk off that \$75,000," Stephenson said.

The new consoles will be narrowband, meaning they will communicate with a smaller bandwidth than the current consoles. The Federal Communication has mandated that emergency services switch to narrow bandwidth in order to accommodate future cellular phone use. Counties must have the narrow band consoles in by Dec. 31, 2012.

"We'll get two bangs for the buck so to speak," Stephenson said.

Akers said the new consoles should be in place by late spring or early summer. He added that residents should not have worries

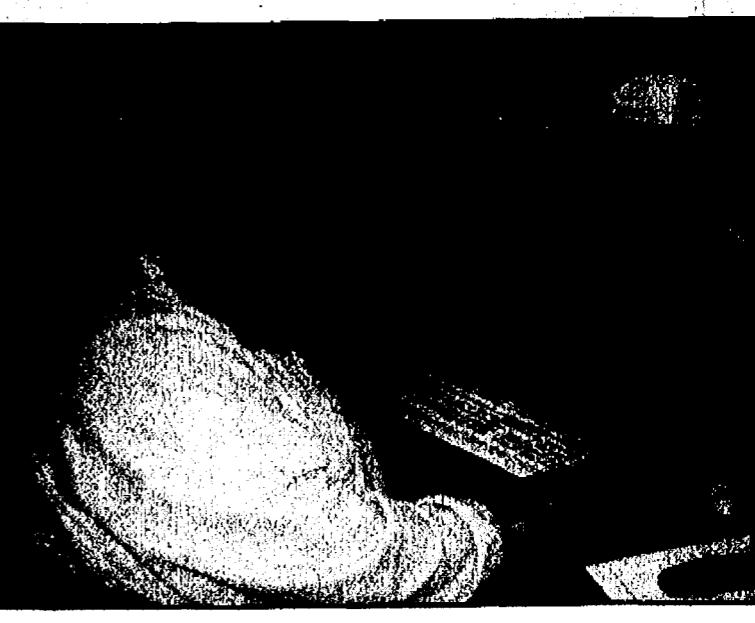


Photo by Dan Sanderson
Above, Crawford County 911/Dispatch employee Terry Nielson works at one of the consoles that will be replaced.

about the current equipment since radio technicians can make parts or replacement parts can be found.

"They still have life in them and there are still parts out there," Akers said.

Replacement of the consoles is also being done in conjunction with the state's Virtual Consolidation project, Akers said.

Virtual Consolidation provides for each agency to remain independent in day-to-day operations and share information with the ability to immediately assist and take over the operations of the other 911 Dispatch Center.

The project is being completed through the Public Safety Interoperable Communications program. Through the program, Central Dispatch centers will combine Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) and radio communications.

The CAD system will allow each Dispatch Center to monitor calls from landlines, wireless and cellular phones and Internet calls to 911.

The consolidation will allow each center to handle overflow calls or step in during a natural disaster such as snowstorm or wildfire, a terrorist event or incident involving weapons of mass destruction.

Christmas Village rolls on with community's holidays

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"We have to get her included into it and she

likes her NASCAR," Goodale said.

"We're very proud of it," Goodale said.

The Goodales moved their turn table, which features 20 locomotives, to an adjacent room to make room for new buildings in the Christmas village.

Linda Goodale enjoys rolling all the locomotives around the tracks at the same time.

"She has a ball firing up all the locomotives on the turntable," Goodale said. "She likes to get them all going, making the bells ring and the whistles blow."

Goodale estimates they have put in about 1,000 hours making changes to the Christmas Village and train configurations over the last year.

"It takes a lot of time," he said. "You have to drill the holes and you have to re-feed all the wires."

New electric outlets have been installed to cut down on the use of extension cords to make the display safer.

Like any households, which experience increased utility costs for the holidays, the Christmas Village does cause a spike in their electric bill, but it is no worry for the Goodale family.

"If you enjoy it, you really don't think about what the little extra expense," Goodale said.

Five new showcases, which hold the train cars, were added and others were moved to make them easier

An actual train crossing sign is posted at the driveway to the Goodale's home. The sign was a gift from a customer, a former railroad employee, who knew the family's affinity for trains.

"I bought him his dinner for a couple of days and it was from his collection," said Goodale, who goes on historic train rides and zip-lining excursions when he vacations.

The Goodale family has been giving to the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center for years. Goodale's Bakery, which marked its 40th anniversary in business in August, used to donate day-old bread to the help center to be frozen and given to the needy. The business was forced to discontinue the practice due to state food labeling requirements.

The Goodales continue giving to their extended family through their love of trains and the Christmas holiday.

"It makes you feel great that you can help other people in the community with your hobby," Goodale said.

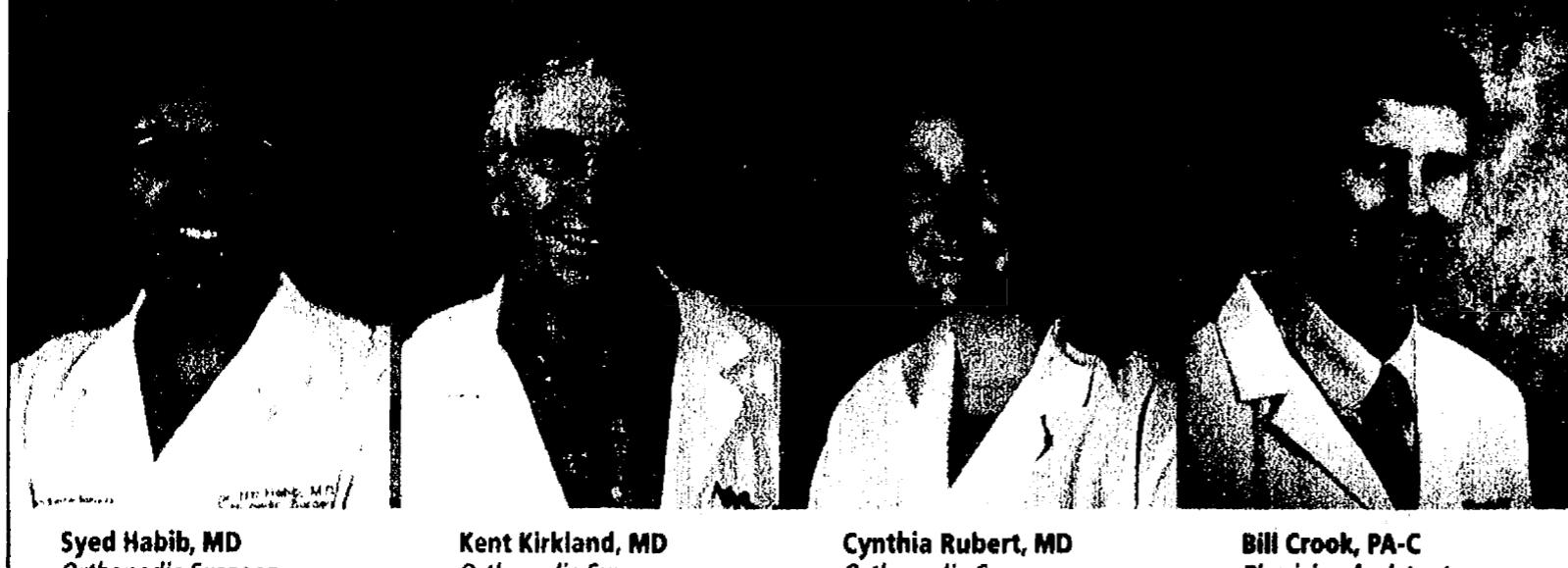
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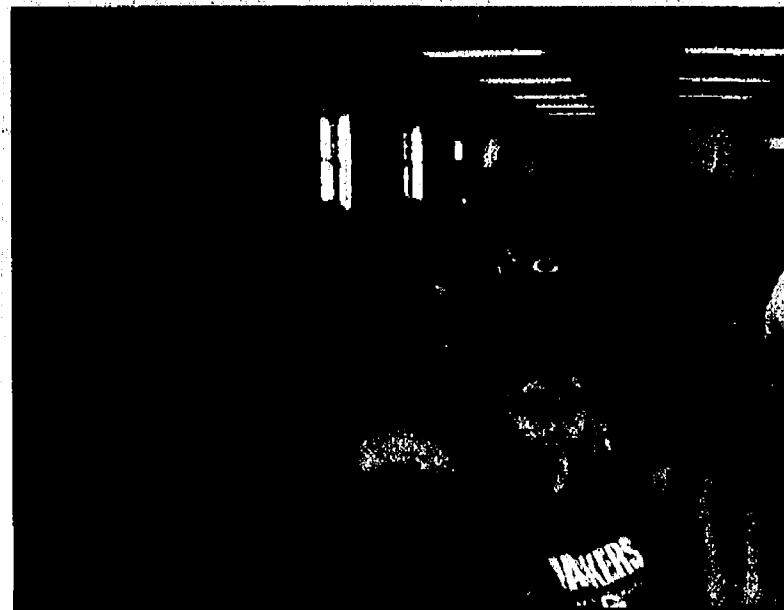
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As the Detroit Lions were playing the Green Bay Packers, members of the Lions Club of Grayling were packing up meals for delivery at the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Above, Carolyn Rakoczy goes through the serving line with a delivery container.



Scott Kaiser takes a batch of turkey from the kitchen to the serving line.



Therese and Skip Kaiser started the Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving Dinner at the St. John's Lutheran Church. Since then, it has been held at various locations, but found a perfect home at the Grayling Army Airfield two years ago in the modernized mess hall facilities. Above, the Kaisers take a breather as people eat their meals at the airfield mess hall.



William Barclay, a veteran who has helped prepare the dinner for several years, was on the other side of the plate for the feast this year. Above, Barclay is pictured with his mother, Edna Babbitt, 87, who recently moved into Mercy Manor.

Volunteers serve up meals at annual Thanksgiving Day dinner

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and preparing the dinner to Patty and Jerry Crandall.

The Kaisers, however, are not about to abandon ship.

"We're still going to be here," Skip said. "We're starting to pass things on, but we're going to stay with it as long as we're able to."

Volunteers served 700 meals, including 400 carry out meals. Forty-seven turkeys, donated by Glen's Market of Grayling, were prepared for the meal. The birds were prepared at the airfield and at Camp Grayling, using convection ovens that allows them to be prepared in a couple of hours.

Peyton Zigila, a Grayling High School sophomore, has grown up volunteering to help facilitate the dinner for the community.

"It just helps out people who can't buy their own so they get a Thanksgiving dinner here," Zigila said. "It's the right thing to do."

Haley Brown, who helped prepare take out dinners, was on hand to volunteer for her first year. She was encouraged to take part by her relatives, Carrie and Scott Rasmussen and was there with her mother Nichole.

"I'm happy to help," Brown said.

The Kracs and Halstead families were on the assembly line of volunteers helping get dinners packaged for deliveries.

"It's good for other people and helps a lot of people," Halstead said.

William Barclay, a veteran who has helped prepare the dinner for several years, was on the other side of the plate for the feast this year. Instead of manning kitchen and dining room duties, Barclay brought his mother, Edna Babbitt, 87, to the dinner.

"I'm taking care of her

and getting ready to move," Barclay said.

Babbitt, who recently moved into a room at Mercy Manor after a hospital stay, was tickled to get out for the holiday.

"It means a lot," Babbitt said of celebrating Thanksgiving. "It's means being thankful for everything. I enjoy Mercy Manor, but I enjoy getting out once in awhile, too. I'm thankful for my family, for where I live - I'm just thankful for everything."

As the dinner transitioned between delivery to those on hand to be served at the mess hall, Therese Kaiser and Patty Crandall had a quick chat.

"It's chaos, but it's con-

trolled chaos," Therese said.

Jim Book served up scoops of stuffing and mashed potatoes as people who attended the dinner went through the line.

"The Lord gives so many gifts to people and this is my gift to be able to give back to others," Book said. "It charges my batteries to be able to help out and be part of this."

Therese Kaiser felt bittersweet emotions as the serving of the annual dinner came to an end.

"It's been a tremendous turn out today, it's a great day, the last 18 years have been great and I think we're turning it over to the right person," she said.

Crandall, who donned a

Turkey hat, looks forward to carrying on the community tradition.

"To see the concerted effort on behalf of all the businesses and volunteers who come together to make this happen was pretty cool. They gave up their Thanksgiving at home to give to others," Crandall said. "I'm very happy and I'm looking forward to many years to come."

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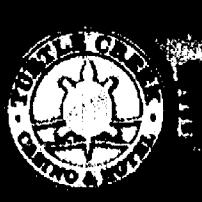
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Correction

A story titled "GHS Class of 1956 celebrates 55 year reunion," published in the Nov. 10 edition of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, should have read that Jim A. Parkinson brought a wood-carving he had made of a Viking and it was raffled off to raise funds for the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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5:30-6:15	Jr Ballet I	9-12
6:30-7:30	Jr Jazz/Hip Hop I	9-12
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Tuesday	Mini Ballet/Tap II	5-8
4:00-5:00	Mini LJT w/ Gymnastics II	5-8
5:00-5:45	Mini Jazz/Hip Hop I	5-8
6:00-7:00	Sr Ballet	13+
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Wednesday	Mini Jazz/Hip Hop II	5-8
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5:00-5:30	Creative Movement	3-4
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Michigan GOP primary will have long ballot

THE SPOTLIGHT in the intra-party battle for the 2012 Republican nomination for president may be on Iowa now, but Michigan Republicans will have their moment in the sun on February 28, 2012.

It may not make any difference by then, but that's the date for Michigan's Republican presidential primary.

Iowa Republicans will kick off the nomination sweepstakes in just over a month, with party caucuses on January 3. Then come the New Hampshire primary a week later on January 10, followed by Nevada caucuses and South Carolina primary also in January ... and perhaps a few more states are to ring in their choices for the GOP nomination.

If it's still up in the air, the Michigan vote might really mean something. Michiganans will vote anyway, influential or not.

The official ballot, declared by Secretary of State Dorothy Johnson and GOP state chair Bobby Shostak, will list 11 names, including three really dark horses

who have not created much public notice so far.

The usual eight who have been participating in the mind-boggling number of party debates so far will be there:

Michelle Bachman of Minnesota, Herman Cain of Georgia, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, Jon Huntsman of Utah, Ron Paul of Texas, Rick Perry of Texas, Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

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THREE lesser known candidates also will be on the ballot. All three are virtual self-starters, and not much is well known about their plans or platforms.

Gary Johnson, 59, is a former two-term governor of New Mexico, elected in 1994 and 1998. Mr. Johnson is in the construction business, and has complained to no avail about not being included in the string of stand-up eight-member debates. He will be on the Michigan ballot, however, unless he withdraws his name before December 9.

Fred Karger, 61, of California, lists his occupation as a political consultant. He's a former actor, a gay rights activist, and bills himself as the only openly gay presidential candidate.

Charles E. Buddy Roemer III, 70, is part of an old-line politically active Louisiana family. He was elected to Congress 1981-88 and then governor in 1988 as a Democrat, then in 1991 during that term switched to Republican. Mr. Roemer has an MBA from Harvard, founded two banks, and is active in the family computer business.

The way the Republicans have foundered around the selection process this year, lightning could strike any of these three lesser-known candidates ... but that's highly unlikely.

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WHILE MICHIGAN Republicans express their presidential choice in the February 28 primary, some other issues or elections – mostly of local matters – also may be decided, because the party primary was added to a regu-

lar February state election date.

Democrats instead opted for the less cumbersome and more controlled atmosphere of party caucuses on May 5.

President Barack Obama is expected to be the only Democratic candidate considered.

The Republican primary will be a closed primary, meaning that voters must declare themselves as Republicans to obtain a presidential ballot. No other test is required. The party organization will have access to the list of voters.

It's possible that Democrats could infiltrate the Republican primary and end up casting votes both for a Republican candidate in the GOP primary, and then a Democratic candidate in the later party caucus.

The only penalty for a non-Republican receiving a primary ballot is that his/her name will end up on Republican mailing lists which could spark unsolicited political mail and campaign phone calls.

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NEWS OUT of Iowa so far indicates it's pretty wide open out there among the eight top contestants.

A couple of weeks ago a poll showed half the candidates – Mitt Romney, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul – clustered near the top, with the other four – Rick Perry, Michelle Bachmann, Jon Huntsman and Rick Santorum – far behind.

However, the poll also showed while only 10 percent of voters were fully undecided, another 60 percent are willing to change their minds.

In my book, that means 70 percent of those polled still were undecided, and anything can happen.

Will Michigan's primary have any effect on the eventual outcome?

Again, anything can happen.

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Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Safety tips for on-line holiday shopping

On-line shopping is a great way to save time, travel and money but with the increase of on-line shopping Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield wants to remind shoppers to keep their identities safe.

Never give out your Social Security number! Reputable on-line merchants should never require you to submit your social security number.

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personal information. If you receive such an email do not click on the link, this may direct you to a fraudulent website. Open a new browser window, type in the legitimate website, and follow their instructions for reporting a suspected fraudulent e-mail.

Use the same credit card when making all on-line purchases. If you use only one credit card for all your on-line purchases it will make it easier for you to track them and identify any fraudulent transactions. Fraudulent transactions can result from on-line merchants mishandling your credit card information. If you use a card that has a relatively low credit limit this can also prevent thieves from obtaining authorizations for large purchases.

Watch those shipping charges. Carefully check and compare shipping and handling charges before ordering. Some merchants will add 10 percent to 15 percent to the pur-

chase price, making what seemed like a great deal into a bad deal. Keep in mind there are lots of on-line merchants that will give you free shipping if you meet a minimum purchase amount, but if you go below that amount it can cost a lot!

Print out and keep all copies of receipts. Keep all your receipts in an organized file that you can easily access in case of any problems. Matching those receipts with the packing lists that come with the products will ensure you receive everything that you ordered.

For more safety tips Sheriff Wakefield encourages residents to visit the Michigan Sheriffs' Association website at www.misherriff.org where you can sign up to receive monthly newsletters. Founded in 1877, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association is the oldest law enforcement organization in Michigan.

Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Commodities speculators cost consumers and economy

As winter approaches, Michigan families will once again face daunting heating bills. Come spring, concerns will shift from the cost of heat to the price we pay at the pump for spring and summer travel. Our manufacturers, too, constantly worry about the cost of energy, as well as the cost of steel and other materials.

What do all these examples have in common? Each shows how commodity prices – for natural gas, gasoline, metals, corn, wheat and other products – hit every family and business. At a recent hearing of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, we exposed how excessive speculation in the markets for these commodities pushes up prices and hurts farmers, businesses and consumers.

Very few of us deal directly with the commodities markets, but they are an incredibly important part of our economy, and prices on these markets affect all of us. They are the framework within which producers and users of energy, crops and other commodities buy and sell these goods at prices set by the forces of supply and demand. These markets

also enable those affected by the price of commodities to hedge their risks. For example, airlines may use commodity markets to protect themselves from big jumps in the price of jet fuel.

But over the last decade or so, these markets have increasingly become the domain of another group: speculators who don't produce or use the commodities they trade, but seek to profit from the ups and downs in prices. These speculators have become such big players that they have distorted markets, disconnecting the price of commodities from the forces of supply and demand, profiting from price changes and doing great harm to consumers and job-creating companies.

At our hearing, experts testified that in some commodities markets, 70 to 90 percent of the trading is now done not by users of commodities, but by speculators. Take crude oil prices, for example, which over the last four months jumped up to \$114 a barrel, plunged to \$77, and then leaped back up to \$95, not because of normal supply and demand, but because hordes of speculators bet on

prices. A report by the Consumer Federation of America estimated that speculation now adds about \$30 of the price of a barrel of oil and about \$600 to the average household's annual gasoline costs.

The price spikes that these speculators engineer threaten our economic recovery. Wild swings in the prices of these commodities make it harder for companies to grow, hire new workers and reduce unemployment.

The hearing also exposed how some speculators have done an end-run around regulations designed to limit their domination of commodity markets by using offshore shell corporations.

Last year, Congress sought to rein in excessive speculation. In the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we toughened what are known as "position limits" – restrictions on how much a market participant can dominate the market for a commodity. For the first time, we required the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the federal agency that regulates these markets, to set position limits on all financial instruments used by specu-

lators.

The CFTC is responsible for producing regulations to implement the law. Those regulations, finalized in October, establish position limits, as the law requires, to "diminish, eliminate or prevent" excessive speculation, and remove some roadblocks that prevented regulators from acting against speculators in the past.

But they don't do enough to limit how some speculators place bets on multiple commodities at once and use those bets to push up prices. In addition, the regulations give speculators another year before the new limits kick in. At our hearing, I pressed the CFTC to do more on these points.

American families and businesses can no longer afford the cost of excessive speculation. Until effective position limits are actually in place, our economy will remain vulnerable to chaotic price swings that benefit speculators at the expense of American consumers and businesses.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Briefs

COA to hold nutrition classes

The COA, will be hosting MSU classes on nutrition education. The theme will be "Creating Healthy Habits—Building a Toolkit." The classes will deal with such topics as Cooking for One or Two, Enhancing Food Flavor; How Friendly is Your Kitchen, Treat Yourself like Company and The Wise Consumer. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays in December and January from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The classes are free, but you are required to register. For more information, contact the COA at 989-348-7123

Church to hold seminar and concert

Bear Lake Christian Church, will hold a community fellowship for women featuring Leslie Parrott, titled, "I'm in Love! Dating and Preparing for Marriage" on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. A free lunch is included. Call for reservations at 231-258-6612 or 231-258-6127. On Sunday, Dec. 4 at the 10 a.m. service, Dennis Gwizdala will be featured in their annual Christmas concert.

COA to hold Medicare enrollment

The COA, is providing a trained counselor to review your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Open enrollment ends Dec. 7. Call 348-7123 to make an appointment.

COA to hold AARP Driver program

The COA, is sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program, Dec. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the senior center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. The fee is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members with checks payable to AARP. There is no fee for veterans. To register or more information, call 348-7123.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Nov. 27 of \$25 each; Don Fairbothum, Ken Potter and Wendy Recraft.

Crawford County United Way

The winner of Crawford County United Way's Cash for Christmas 50/50 Raffle of \$844 is Kathy Clark of Brownstown.

Grayling Promotional Association

All Trees and winners for the Festival of Trees for 2011 were: GPA tree - Dana Anderson; Cornell Insurance - Geri Koutnik; Chemical Bank - Karri Vinton; Jack Millikin Inc. - Hanson; Basic Communications - Cathy Oleniczak; Walgreens - Mary Kay Hinkle; Northern Lawn and Homecare (boy's tree) - Cameron Halbert; Northern Lawn and Homecare (girl's tree) - Aubrey Dubra; Gift Certificate Tree - Karri Vinton; Old AuSable Fly Shop - Joan Rasmussen; Dawns Milltown Groomers (gift cert.) - Kaye Laughton; Northland Area Federal Credit Union - Shirley Davis; Allstate - P. Hanson; Tahiti Tans Hair Salon - Justin Michael; Mercy Physician Network - Deb Ginther; Dynamic Physical Therapy - Mary Kay Hinkle; Party Depot - Jacob Carnes; Crawford County Library - Troy Fairbanks; Angie Golnick - Erika Farnsworth; Hodge Podge Creations - Cheryll Ruley; AuSable Valley Animal Shelter - Mary Luke; Grayling Big Boy (gift cert.) - Nicole Perry; Family Dollar - Graydon Wheeler; Curves for Women - Jayne Siglin; Northstar Auto Wash - Dominick Perry; Cultural Academic Student Exchange - Hannah Smock; The Brickery - Tommi Latoff; Flo's Hallmark - Tom Crandle; Grayling Hospital for Animals - Cheri Blaine;

Ramada Inn - Kaye Sheerwood; River House Inc. - Lora Lazur; North Central Area Credit Union - Lori Wightman; H&R Block - L. Schultz; Heads Up North - Tony Hubbard; A Cut Above - Rauch; Spikes Keg O'Nails - Angela Bickman.

Festival of Trees - Gift Items: Cornell Insurance; Xbox 360 - Vought; Northern Lawn and Homecare, wooden trivets - Norma Wenninger; Northern Lawn and Homecare, white ash cribbage box - Laurie Jenses; Don Alexander Construction, pinecone wreath - Mo McNamara; Northern Lawn and Homecare, two free mowings - DiPonio; Northern Lawn and Homecare, winterizing irrigation system - Renee Stephan; Davis Jewlers, Pandora bracelet and \$50 gift card - Joan Canfield; Jansen Agency and Associates, \$100 cash - Joel Arwood; Jack Millikin Inc., Save a Lot gift card \$100 - Jan AuSable Urology - Glens gift card \$100 - Remote Harwood; Crawford County United Way, gift basket - L. Hagon; Flowers By Josie/Thanks a Latte, large wreath - Teresa Bonamie; Northern Lawn and Homecare, bear end table - Mike Lovely; Northern Lawn and Homecare, bear end table - Kaye Sheerwood; Jedi Hood, tree - Mary Luke; Shelly Adamski, Miche purse base and shell - Heather Ferrigan; snowman bench - Marty Stevenson.

Chamber spotlights CASD for November



Crawford AuSable School District received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for November. Pictured above is CASD Superintendent Joe Powers and staff.

The Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) received the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Club Spotlight-a-Member Award for November.

"CASD is charged with educating the future of Crawford County," said Superintendent Joe Powers. "Providing our youth with an opportunity to receive the gift that no one can take away...an education. If you can learn, you can do anything."

"The board of Education's mission is "Educational Excellence," said Powers. The school district wants to be the best in every part of our educational program. In addition to working with students, our district coordinates efforts and has a working partnership with a multitude of community groups."

"CASD schools are highly regarded by other schools and peers," said Powers. "Through student achievement, staff curricular work, fine arts and athletics, the greatest compliment is from other schools. CASD schools are leaders in the educational field. We are an excellent school district that our communities can be proud of."

CASD employs 201 staff.

CASD schools are among top schools as witnessed by recent honors comparing schools across the entire state.

Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary School and Grayling Middle School were identified as "Beating the Odds" with 123 schools out of the over 4,000 schools across the state. These schools were honored by outperforming their peer schools across the state by high student academic achievement.

CASD schools received the highest average of all area schools by the State of Michigan's Top to Bottom ranking of all schools in the state.

All MEAP schools have had multiple years in a row (including this year again) as receiving the top rating for schools by the State of Michigan's Department of Education "Grade A" Schools.

Grayling High is one of only 75 high schools in the State of Michigan as being a top school as ranked by the U.S. News and World Report.

CASD schools is identified as "Schools of Excellence" by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for December.

Immunization clinics: Dec. 7, 19 and 21. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: Dec. 6, 13 and 20. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. Dec. 1, 7, 8, 9, 15, 21, 22 and 29. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

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sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for Dec. 13 and 20 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through high school. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Library News

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library.

Adults are invited to join us for "Climb Your Family Tree!" a craft and genealogy program at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 to sign up or for additional information.

There are some "Hidden Penguins" at the library and children ages 6-12 are encouraged to help us find them at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 p.m. After our detective

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Respecting Soul Liberty

The central message of Romans chapter 14 has been respect for individual liberty in all non-essentials not mentioned in the Bible. We are told to judge ourselves rather than other Christians so as not to cause others to stumble, fall, or be destroyed. Soul Liberty is a Baptist distinctive and was the reason our forefathers fought for separation of State from control of churches in America. Our pilgrim forefathers came to this country seeking primarily freedom of religion. Every individual must be free to worship God according to the dictates of His or Her own conscience in obedience to God's Holy Word.

Our conscience brings conviction of sin. (John 8:9). The Bible teaches us that living by our conscience is important for each Christian. (2 Tim. 1:3; Acts 23:1; 24:16; 2 Cor 1:12; Heb. 13:18). A clear conscience as well as avoiding corporal punishment, is one reason for obeying civil laws of the state in Romans 13:5: "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

Our conscience is strengthened by and essential to our practice of faith in God's word. "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." (1 Timothy 1:5). "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck." (1 Timothy 1:19). "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience." (1 Timothy 3:9). "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." (2 Corinthians 4:2).

Obeying our conscience is more important than our physical peace and safety. "For this is trustworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully." (1 Peter 2:19). Obeying our conscience is more important than protecting our reputation or clearing our name. "Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." (1 Pet. 3:16). Even the great apostle Paul whom God used to write the bulk of our New Testament epistles and to establish the first Gentile churches was seriously slandered in Acts 24:5: "For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes."

The Bible teaches the strong to respect the weak conscience of other believers. (1 Cor 8:7; 8:10,12). The Bible teaches the weak to respect the strong conscience of other believers. (1 Corinthians 10:25,27-29). Being saved by God's grace and mercy alone, we need our conscience purged from trusting dead works to receive or keep our salvation. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb. 9:14). The unsaved cannot trust their conscience to be saved. The unsaved conscience may be defiled, and unbelieving, (Titus 1:15); evil, (Heb. 10:22); or scared. (1 Tim 4:2). Pastor "B"

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Obituaries

Albert J. Williams

Albert J. "Fritz" Williams, 79, of Maple Forest Twp. passed away Monday Nov. 21, 2011.

Albert was born in Grayling, on November 22, 1931, to the late Emma (Hoffman) and Arthur Williams.

He married Ilah on May 08, 1971 at Michelson United Memorial Methodist Church.

He is survived by sons, Robert D. (Sherry) Williams of Florida, Loren A. (Kathy) Williams, of Falmouth; step-children: Bennie and Deb Labo of Frederic, Bonnie and Pat DeWitt of Montana, Linda and Dan Starks of Grayling, Laura Labo of Washington; sister, Judy (Robert) Ahrns of Grayling; brothers, Robert (Betty) Williams of Breckenridge, Richard (Carol) Williams of Frederic; brother-in-law, Gerald Welch of Grayling; sister-in-law, Kay Williams of Texas; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by wife, Ilah in 2010; sister, Joan Marie Williams (Welch); brother, Ray Williams; step-son, Allen Labo, Sr.; and granddaughter, Angela Lynn Labo.

Funeral was held on Friday, November 25 at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, Inc. with Rev. Ernie Wagner officiating.

Interment will be at Maple Forest Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Raymond, Carrico-Habel wed



Jennifer Raymond and Jarrett Carrico-Habel

Lake Margrethe vacation home residents Paula Hall, M.D. and Mr. Michael Raymond, of Indianapolis Ind., announce the November 11, 2011 wedding of their daughter Jennifer Rose to Mr. Jarrett Carrico-Habel, also of Indianapolis.

The ceremony and reception were held at that city's newly dedicated historical Indiana Landmarks Center, with the bride's uncle The Reverend Dr. Sidney G. Hall III officiating.

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groomsman, Mr. Michael Raymond of Indianapolis, brother of the bride; usher, Mr. Zachary Hall of Indianapolis, cousin of the bride; and bridal attendant, Miss Juanita Bilinski, enduring friend of the bride's family.

On November 12 an honorary brunch was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. James Gaither (the bride's Aunt Pamela Hall Gaither) at their Indianapolis Brendonwood home.

Following their Florida honeymoon, the newlyweds will reside in Fishers, Ind., and will continue the treasured tradition of frequent visits to the Lake Margrethe vacation home of the bride's grandfather, Jack H. Hall, M.D.

Range Firing

Range firing is not scheduled for Dec. 8-14.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Dec. 8 and 12-14.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Births

Emily (Fox) and Sam Henson, of Belfield, N.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Dillon Denae, born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dickinson, N.D. on November 7, 2011 at 5:59 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Her sister is Jovie, age 2. Grandparents are Gary and Denae Fox, Chris Henson of DeTour Village and Sam and Christine Henson of Sault Ste Marie. Great-grandparents are Vern and Joyce Fox, George and Rita McEvers, Wanda Fountain of DeTour Village and Sue Gutcher of DeTour Village.

Following their Florida honeymoon, the newlyweds will reside in Fishers, Ind., and will continue the treasured tradition of frequent visits to the Lake Margrethe vacation home of the bride's grandfather, Jack H. Hall, M.D.

Kathy's decade long struggle with MS and multiple other physical challenges she showed her true nature every day. She faced each day with courage, dignity and grace. She remained kind, gentle and positive until the end and with some of her last words expressing concern for the welfare of others.

In her final years one of the greatest joys in Kathy's life was her family. The mention of "her" Heather's upcoming wedding was the one guaranteed method of making Kathy smile as the physical challenges increased. Besides Heather, Kathy's nieces and nephews (and nieces and nephew in-laws) were a source of great pride and joy for her and she treasured each and every one of them. Kathy loved and enjoyed her entire family but the great-nieces and great-nephews had a very special place in her heart and she treasured each card, photo and moment they shared with her.

She passed peacefully Wednesday morning, November 23, 2011 in the company of family.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard (Jim) and Joyce (Schmidt) Bourrie and her brother, Garfield.

She is survived by her husband, Victor Edwards of Grayling; step-daughter, Heather Edwards (fiancé Nathan Cully) of Washington, DC; sisters, Susan (Robert) McCurdy and Cheryl (David) Millikin of Grayling; aunts: Margaret LaCross and Doris Schmidt of Cheboygan and Teresa Ann Lockey of Saganaw. Surviving nieces and nephews are: Aron (Kelly) Millikin and their children, Bailey and David. Heather (Kyle) Duba and their children Isabel, Audrey, Olivia and Evan. Darcie (Jeremy) Bowers and their children Gavin and Raigen. Cheryl and Brian McCurdy and Jamie and Joseph Bourrie.

Her successful business achievements were remarkable but she gained the greatest recognition for the gracious sharing of her business knowledge, her mentoring and her dedication to her community.

The following are some of the highlights of Kathy's business career and community involvement:

Kathy served as the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President 1984 - 1985.

She also served as President of the Grayling Uptown District Association 1989 - 1990.

In 1997 the Crawford AuSable School District recognized Kathy with their Support Staff Employee of the Year award for her work as the full time CASD Treasurer.

Kathy was recognized by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce by their selection of her for the 1999 Athena Award. The Athena Award is given annually to a person or business that clearly creates opportunity for the advancement of women in the workplace and business world.

Several hundred ardent conservationist and fly fishers from all over the world selected Kathy as the Trout Bum of the Year in 1999.

The achievements in

Kathy's public life were noteworthy but her personal life was even more amazing. Her lifelong dedication to family and friends was well known. What is probably not as well known is that between the time she married her husband on the banks of the AuSable River in 1991 and her death in 2011, Kathy's zest for life and flair for living led to many varied life experiences. In 1992 she made a tandem skydive from a Chinook helicopter over Fort Campbell, Kentucky from 14,000 feet. Later in 1992 she moved to Germany due to her husband Victor's military orders. Her step-daughter

Heather lived with Kathy and Victor for a year during that time. Kathy and Heather developed a deep and abiding relationship they both described as "a step beyond step" that continues to this day. Heather strongly credits Kathy's influence for her successes.

Heather and Kathy traveled extensively thru Europe, visiting almost every major capital and skiing in Germany, Austria and Italy. On occasion she and

Heather would let Victor come with them. While in

Germany Kathy was active in the community with the NCO Wife's Club and

served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

After returning to the

States in 1995 Kathy con-

tinued her traveling with fly

fishing in Argentine, Belize,

the Bahamas, Florida,

Montana, Arkansas and

Canada. She explored ruins

in Guatemala, snorkeled in

Cancun, swam with man-

atees in Florida, and traveled

extensively throughout the

US in an RV with her hus-

band and dogs. Kathy's ad-

ventures and travels were

made even more amazing

by the joy and zest for life

she shared with her fellow

travelers and those she met,

whether at home or in some

far distant place. All who

met her liked her and

remembered her fondly as

evidenced by the expres-

sions of sorrow about her

passing from numerous

countries on 3 continents

Kathy's lifelong love of

animals was well known.

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AuSable Artisan Village Art Expo draws in art lovers



Photos courtesy of Chris White

The AuSable Artisan Village Art Gallery had a big turnout for its Art Expo event held Nov. 18-20. Fifteen artists gave their time and talent answering questions and sharing techniques with those who attended. The AuSable Artisan Village Art Gallery represents over 50 artists daily and has classes available throughout the year. Top left, Clarence "Curly" LaMotte displays his petoskey stones for a gallery visitor. Bottom left, a man looks over some jewelry in a showcase. Above right, Cassandra Williams works on a piece of glassware at the expo.

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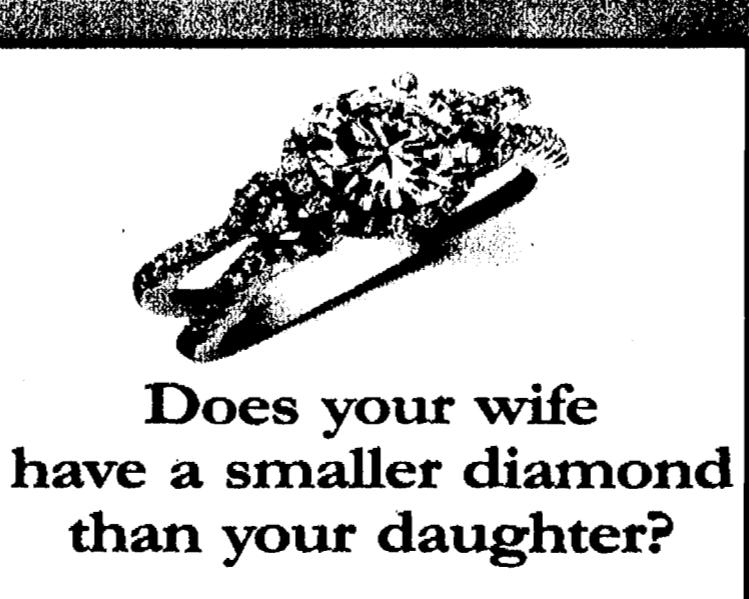


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Township OKs pact for ambulance services

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service.

In 2007, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners adopted a memorandum of understanding in order to provide viable ambulance service in the county. Mobile Medical Response, the Saginaw based ambulance service the county has contracted with since 2000, and North Flight, an ambulance service owned by Munson Hospital.

The agreement was established because both ambulance organizations were losing money when federal reimbursement rates for ambulance transfers

were decreased.

North Flight, which used to operate out of the Grayling Industrial Park, no longer has ambulances in Crawford County.

Frederic Township requested to be considered in the emergency services agreements with the county when negotiations begin in May 2012.

Mobile Medical Response is ALS accredited and has stations in the City of Grayling and Beaver Creek Township. Mobile Medical Response also bills insurance companies and provides membership opportunities to cover ambulance services.

Area Events

Gaylord - The Otsego County Tea Party will meet Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. at Marsh Ridge Resort Bergen Room on Old 27S, Gaylord. Open discussion will be the main agenda and planning for 2012 candidate elections.

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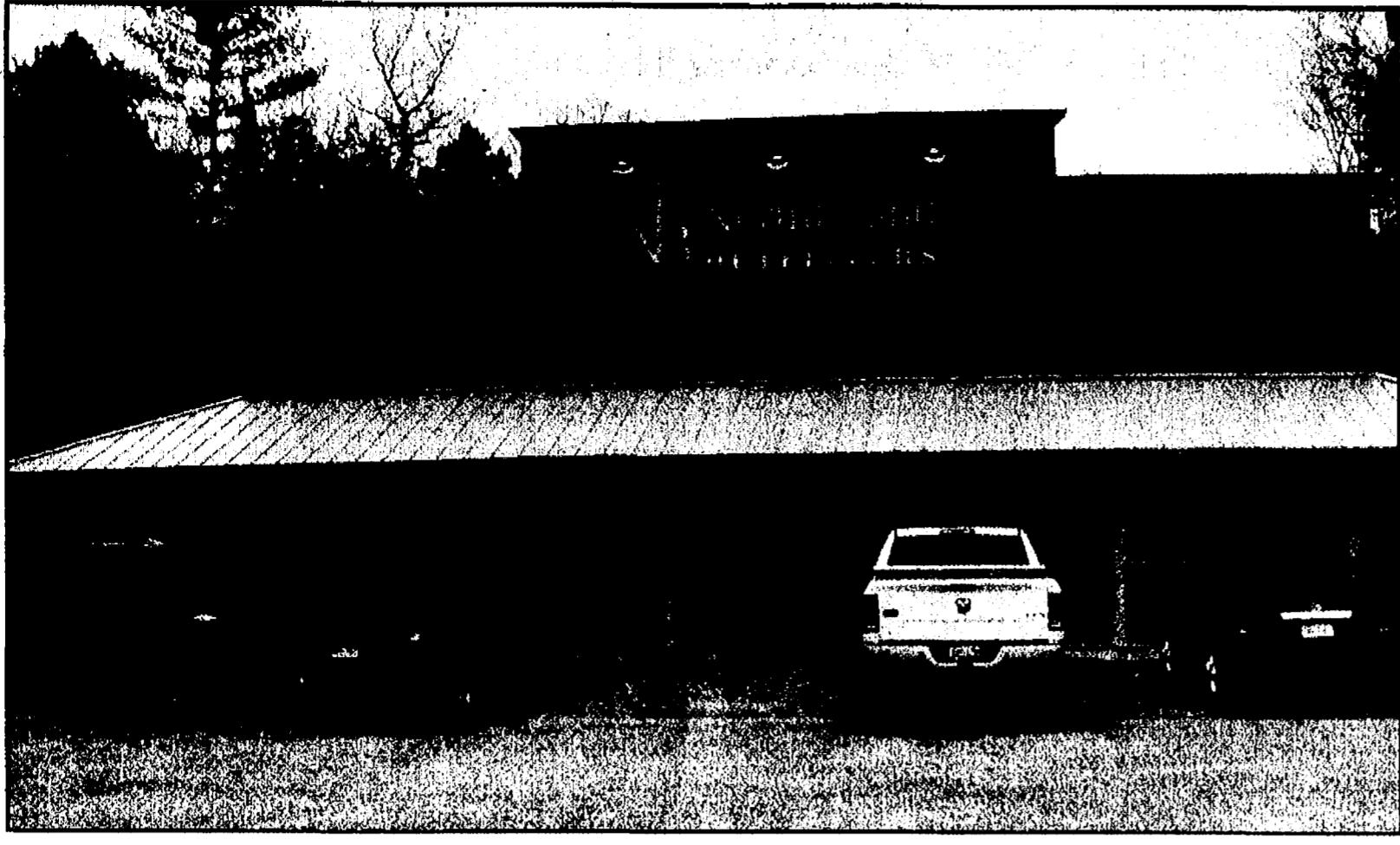
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Above, Northbound Outfitters/Cross Country Ski Shop recently opened at 6041 West M-72.

Northbound Outfitters to carry on outdoor tradition

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Two couples have taken over a business that has operated in Grayling for nearly three dozen years under a new name at a new location.

Northbound Outfitters/Cross Country Ski Shop recently opened at 6041 West M-72.

Heather Compton and Brian Royce, and Karrie and Gabe Williams purchased the Cross Country Ski Shop, which was located behind the Ramada Inn of Grayling, from Dick Fultz. Fultz owned and operated the business for 34 years.

"Dick did a wonderful job of growing the north cross county sport for the last 34 years and our goal is to expand upon that and to offer people the same quality service," Royce said.

The partners purchased five acres of land off of W-72 due to its proximity to the Hanson Hills Recreation Area and the AuSable River. In the new 4,000 square foot

building, Northbound Outfitters/Cross Country Ski Shop will sell outdoor gear and footwear, have ski and snowshoe rental, a waxing station, a lounge area with a fireplace as well as an outdoor deck area where parents can see their kids ski on a practice trail or where people can just hang out.

"Though the property is on a busy highway, the property is wooded enough and very scenic, giving it a very up north feel," Gabe Williams said.

Compton, Royce and Gabe Williams are teachers for Roscommon Area Public School, while Karrie Williams is a local dentist. They are all avid marathons, canoe racers, road cyclists, triathletes, down hill and cross country skiers, mountain bikers, hikers, backpackers and adventure racers, which entails orienteering, mountain biking, paddling and trail runs.

"We are a group that loves the outdoors and the beauty that comes with waking at

sunup and enjoying the outdoors before the rest of the world awakens," Gabe Williams said.

"It's very natural for all of us and we're geared more toward the quiet sports," Royce added.

In the spring, the business will carry a line of canoes.

"We just wanted to be able to provide the local communities and people that are visiting and passing through quality gear at a fair price," Royce said.

Fultz continues to help out at the business and long time employee Jake Jacobs, Erich Podjaske and Bob

Smith have stayed on board.

"We have a highly trained staff that will make sure you get the right equipment and equipment that fits," Royce said.

The business partners hope to give the local economy a shot in the arm for residents and visitors who get out to enjoy the outdoors and natural resources at sites such as Hanson Hills, Hartwick Pines, the Mason Tract and Wakeley Lake.

"There are tons of opportunities and we have the gear for you to get out there and enjoy it," Royce said.

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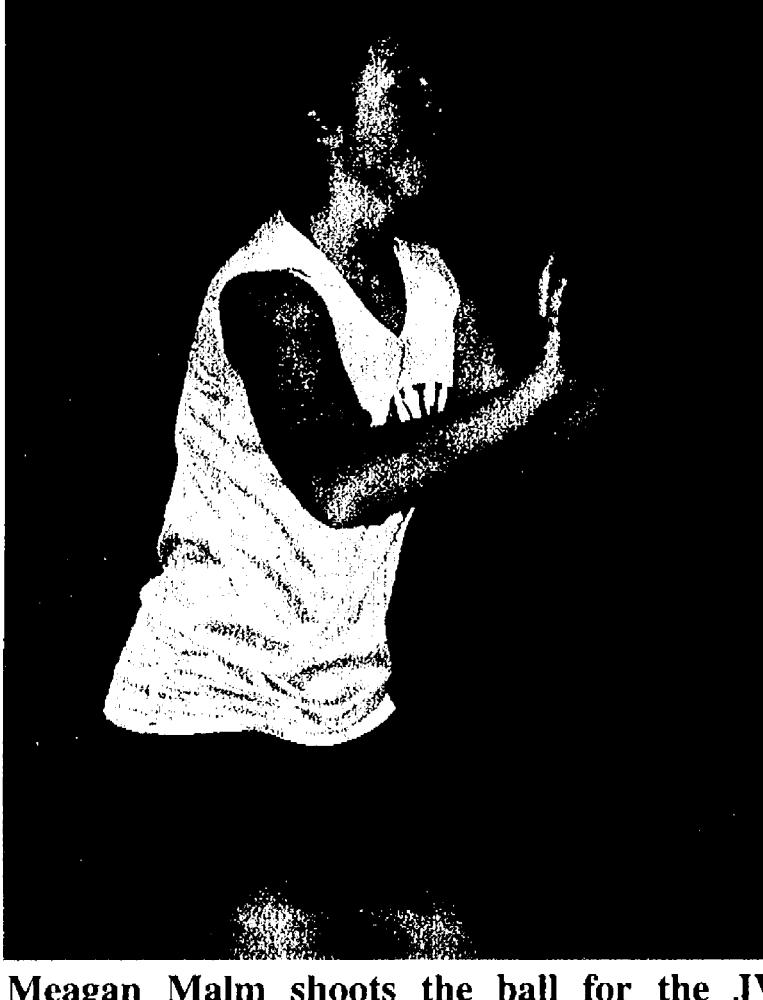
JV Girls Basketball



Makayla Cragg, left, rebounds the basketball during a JV scrimmage game vs. Jo-Burg last Tuesday at Grayling High School. Hailey Eames, right, dribbles the ball for Grayling's junior varsity squad. The JV Vikings will open their 2011-2012 season with two home games this week: vs. Roscommon on Wednesday, Nov. 30, and vs. Glen Lake on Friday, Dec. 2; both games start at 6 p.m.



Courtney Hatfield catches a pass during Tuesday's scrimmage.



Meagan Malm shoots the ball for the JV Vikings vs. Jo-Burg.

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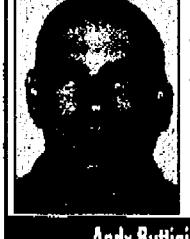
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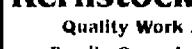
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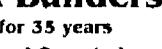
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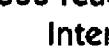
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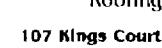












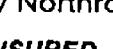






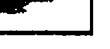






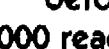


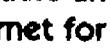










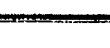












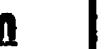








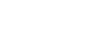
















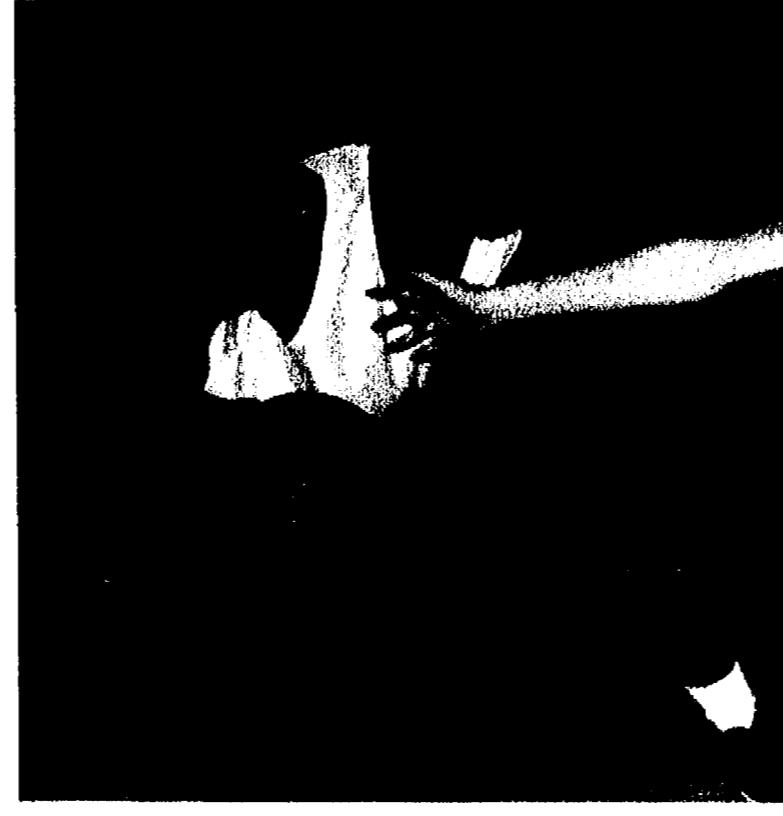


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Fred Fisher, left, dribbles the ball for 7th grade boys basketball team during a recent game vs. East Jordan. Dakotah Mansfield, right, handles the ball for the 8th grade squad vs. East Jordan.

GMS Boys Basketball

7th grade team

The GMS 7th grade boys basketball squad fell to Boyne City 31-17 on Monday night. Boyne City hosted the contest.

"We played much better than our last game. We had offensive opportunities from the field and the free-throw line but continued to struggle putting the ball in the hoop. The boys did a much better job running the offense and played tough defense all night," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"Fred Fisher and Josh Hetfield played good all-around games. Koedy Dole and Tjerek DeWitt also helped control the ball and

first quarter, 6-3, with some solid defensive play and outstanding rebounding by Troy Summers and Darren Johnston. We gave up one of those spurts early in the second quarter to allow the Ramblers the lead and unfortunately our shooting woes also kicked in. Though we had many good opportunities we only scored two points in the second quarter and only one point in the third," Coach Hofman said.

Leading scorers for GMS: Summers (8), Johnston (6), Bilyeu (2), Dole (1).

7th/8th grade team

Grayling Middle School's 7th/8th grade combo team won 27-16 at Boyne City on Monday, improving the squad's record to 4-0.

"We came out with pressure and held them to two points in the first quarter. The boys played hard," Coach Jeff McMann said. "At halftime we had the lead 11-8. We had a tough time on defense in the third quarter; we were tied at 16 all. But in the fourth quarter we stopped them from scoring and we scored nine to take the win."

"All the boys played hard all night on both ends of the floor," Coach McMann said. "We missed a lot of easy shots but I told the boys to keep it up - they will fall in. We still have a lot of work to do on both ends of the floor and we will get it done in

the upcoming practices."

Scoring leaders for Grayling: Thomas Barnes (15), Fred Shippy (4), Shane McCleave (3), Andrew Benardo (2), Jeremy Garcia (2), Alex Ferrigan (1).

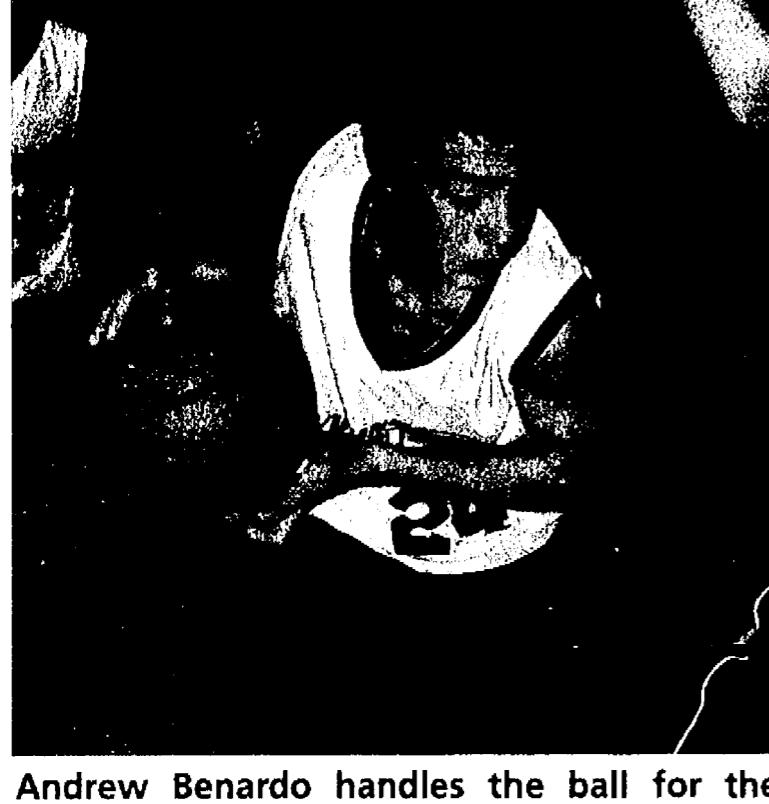
"Even though Greg Alma, Christon Warren, Chess Reynolds, and Todd Bilyeu did not score they played a big part in not letting Boyne score in the fourth quarter," Coach McMann said. "All the boys had a good game."

8th grade team

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team lost 53-31 at Boyne City on Monday.

Spencer Kent had 10 points for the Vikings. Garrett Anderson had 7 points. Blake Gregory scored 6 points.

"We led at the end of the



Andrew Benardo handles the ball for the 7th/8th grade combo team.

Bowling Leagues

Senior League

Dana Transport 37 - 11
Flowers By Josie 33 - 15
Gaylord Electric 30 - 18
Bear's Den Pizza 21 - 27
Sylvester's Sports 21 - 27
Lone Pine 19 - 29
Spike's 17 - 31
Legion Lanes 16 - 32
High Series Women: C. Clark, 514;
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High Series Men: P. Faustman,
584; L. Crampton, 535; D. Henning, 514. High Game Men:
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200.

Pioneer League

Legion 30 - 14
Ole Dam 30 - 14
T.C. Lawncare 29 - 15
Tim's Collision 25 - 19
5 B's 20 - 24
Pink Ladies 16 - 28
Bosco Babes 14 - 30
High Series: J. Legg, 548; C.
Seymour, 546; K. Moshier, 500.
High Game: C. Seymour, 224; J.
Legg, 205; C. Jones, 190.

Recreation League

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Wheeler, 528; P. D'Amour, 519.
High Game: K. Wheeler, 205; M.
Richardson, 188; S. Johnson, 187.
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Gray Rock

56 - 28
AJD 47 - 37
American Legion 45 - 39
Tahiti Tans 44 - 40
Bloomquist 34 - 50
Dawsons & Stevens 29 - 55
Spikes 25 - 59
High Series Men: L. Ostrowski,
672; J. Thayer, 617; R. Dent, 603.
High Series Women: J. Dent, 460;
T. Rock, 435; L. Mead, 410; C.
Hartig, 425. High Game Women:
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American Men's League
Thayer's 16 - 5
Grayling Chiro 14 - 7
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AJD 11 - 10
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Legion Lanes 6 - 15
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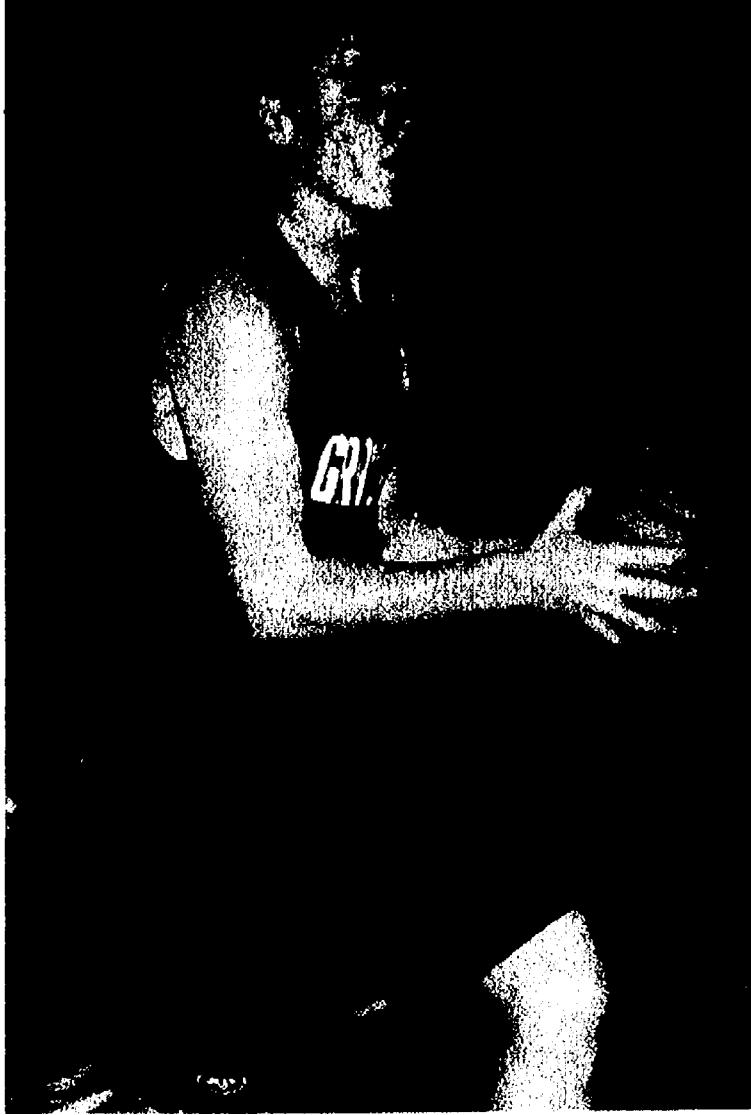
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Thomas Burrell brings the ball up the court during a 5-on-5 drill.



Wes Dean shoots a free throw during a recent practice.



Jake Swander dribbles the ball during a half-court drill on Friday, Nov. 18.

Squad has seven players back from last year's 19-win season

Boys basketball team to play opener next week

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team - a squad that won 19 of its 24 games last year - has seven full-time varsity players returning from last year's roster.

"Obviously we have an experienced group; seven of our top nine kids are back from last year," Coach Rich Moffit said.

The Vikings won a district championship last year and made it to the regional finals, winning three playoff games. Grayling finished third in the Lake Michigan Conference last year with a 10-4 record in league play. The conference title wasn't decided until the final league games of the year. Coach Moffit said the LMC is very strong this year and he expects several teams to be in the mix for the league championship.

"This is as tough as our league's been since 2004," Coach Moffit said. "I think it's going to be a dog fight."

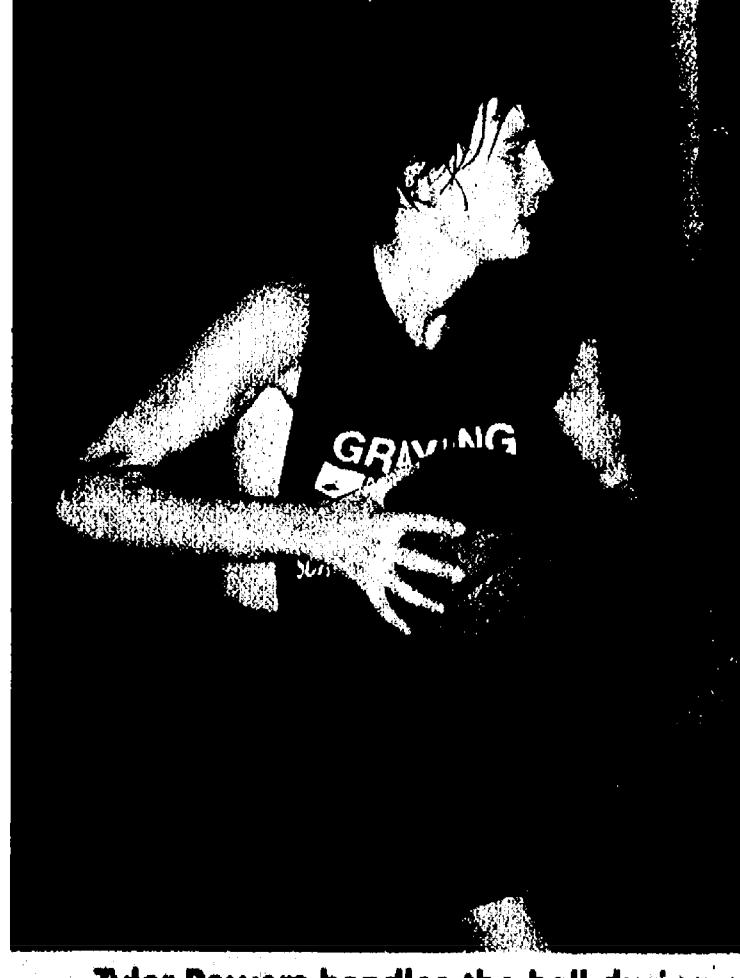
This year's team (as of Nov. 18): Steven Enos, senior; Devon Dawson, senior; Zane Tobin, senior; Thomas Burrell, senior; Griffin Dean, senior; Riley Zigila, senior; Scott Parkinson, junior; Wes Dean, junior; Tyler Powers, junior; Mason Krey, junior; Louis Menard, junior; Jake Swander, sophomore.

Enos, Dawson, Tobin, Parkinson, Burrell, G. Dean, and Zigila were full-time varsity players last year; all of them were starters or played significant minutes. Swander joined the varsity squad late in the season and contributed.

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Steven Enos grabs a rebound during a 5-on-5 drill at practice on Friday, Nov. 18. The GHS varsity boys basketball team will open its 2011-2012 season with a game at Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 6.



Tyler Powers handles the ball during a recent varsity basketball practice.



Mason Krey shoots from the free-throw line.



Griffin Dean takes an inside shot during a varsity practice drill.

Photos by Caleb Casey

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Riley Zigila, left, and Zane Tobin, right, shoot the ball during a recent varsity boys basketball practice.

Squad has seven players back from last year's 19-win season

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"I think our kids do well playing at a fast tempo. These kids, for the most part, are tough kids. They had success at football, last year at basketball; I think they're hungry for success. I like what I've seen so far out of them," Coach Moffit said.

The Vikings started their official practices on Monday, Nov. 14. The team's been concentrating on defense and rebounding early on, Coach Moffit said.

The squad has several players capable of scoring in double figures every night, but Moffit said a "blue collar" approach is going to be important this year.

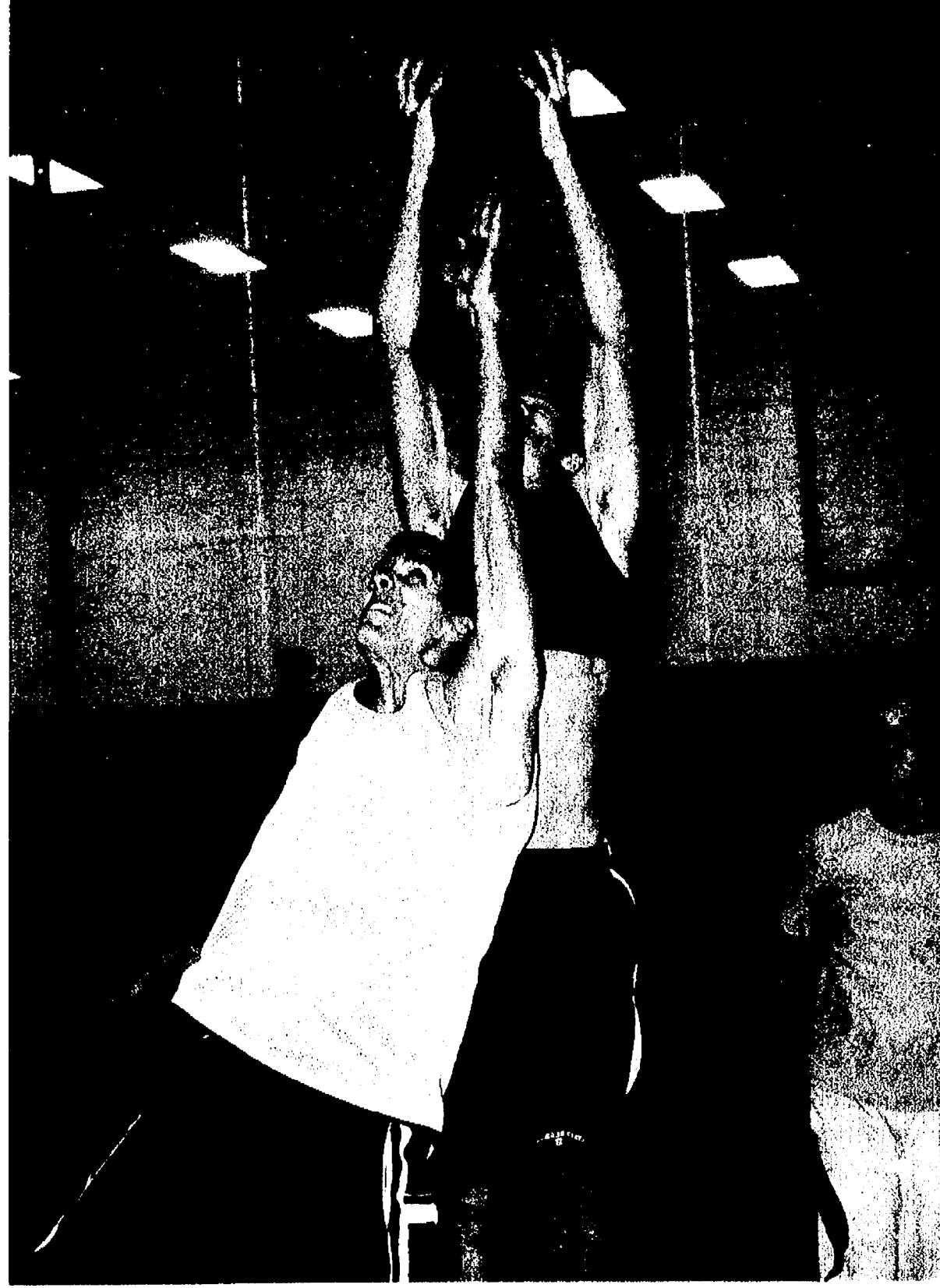
"I think we're going to be able to score, but we've got to defend. That's going to be a key for us," Coach Moffit said. "We've got to play tough, hard-nosed basketball."

"We're still trying to get in shape. We've still got a ways to go," Moffit said

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The schedule format will be a little bit different for basketball this year. For Friday night league games, the varsity boys will play after the varsity girls. On other nights of the week, the varsity boys will play after the junior varsity boys.

The first Friday night league contest for the Vikings is scheduled for Dec. 16 at Harbor Springs.



Devon Dawson goes up for a rebound during a 5-on-5 varsity basketball drill on Friday, Nov. 18.

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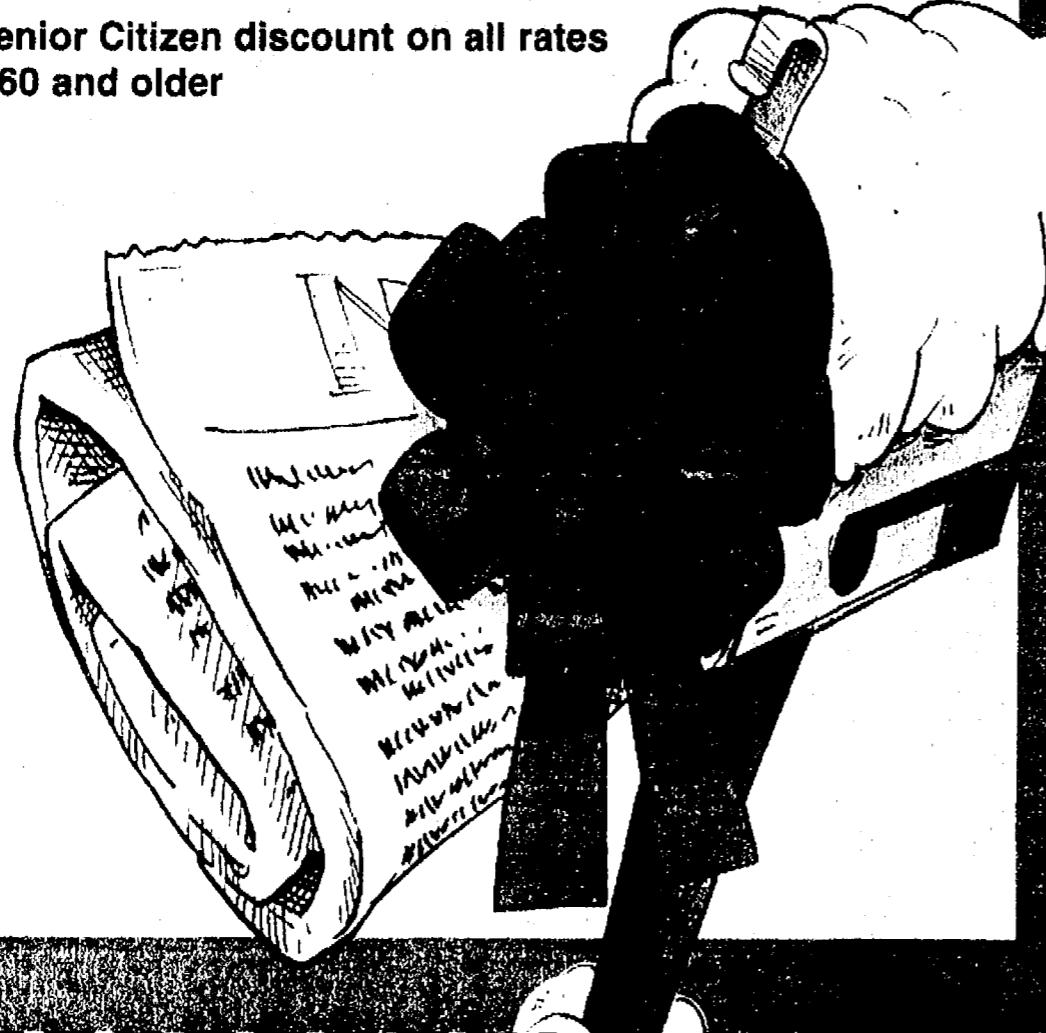
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Maddie Benardo handles the ball in the key for the Vikings during last Tuesday's scrimmage event vs. Jo-Burg.

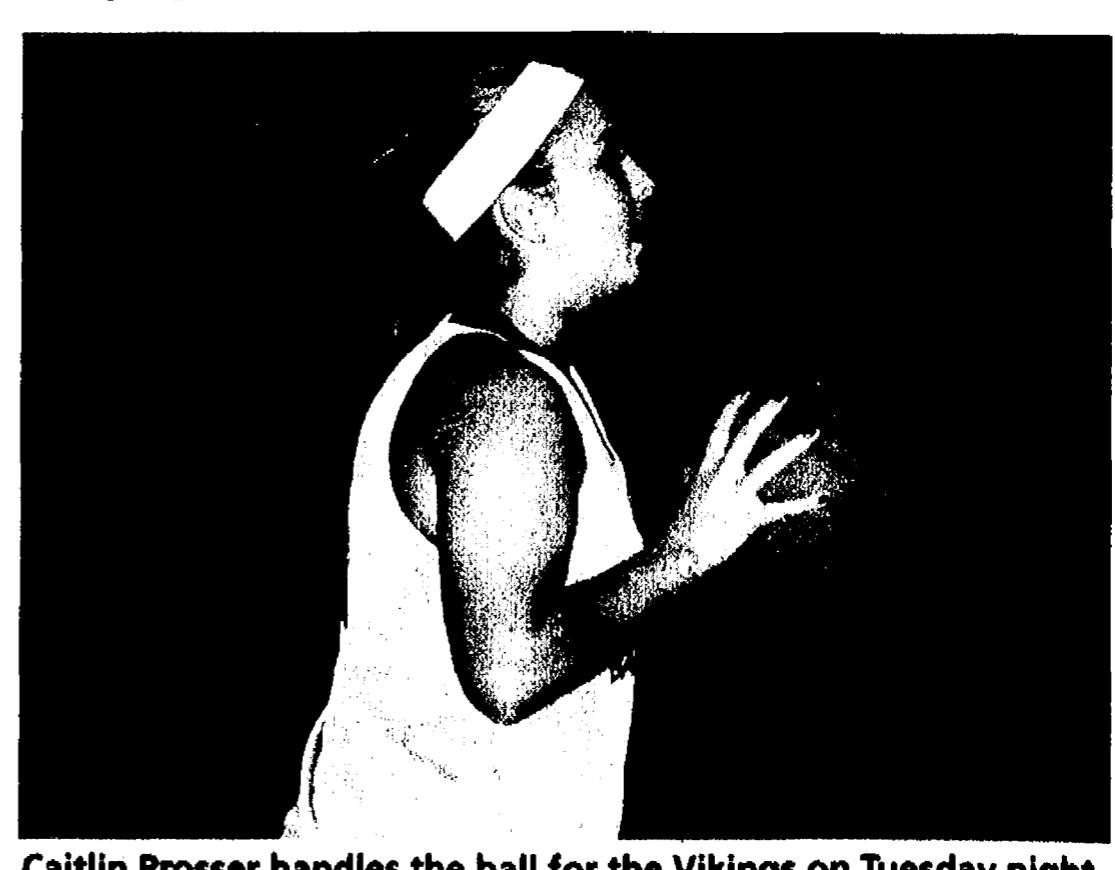
Scrimmage event helps Vikings get ready for season



Cierra Prosser sets up for a shot vs. Jo-Burg during last Tuesday's varsity girls basketball scrimmage event at Grayling High School. The varsity squad will start its 2011-2012 season this week with two home games. Grayling will host Roscommon on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The Vikings will host Glen Lake on Friday, Dec. 2. The varsity games will both begin after the conclusion of the JV games (usually between 7:30 and 8 p.m.).



Sam Hansen, left, controls the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday during the scrimmage vs. Jo-Burg. Hailey Whitaker, right, drives to the basket for Grayling.



Caitlin Prosser handles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night.

Photos by Caleb Casey

Legal Action

NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary L. Lennox and Michele L. Lennox, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated the 23rd day of March, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 7th day of April, 2006, in Liber 680, Page 698 of Crawford Records, which said mortgage was assigned to The Huntington National Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$140,806.34 (one hundred forty thousand eight hundred six and 34/100) plus accrued interest at 6.625% (six point six two five) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that, on the 14th day of December, 2011, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Frederic, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford and State of Michigan: PARCEL 6 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE 2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds East along the section line, 14.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds East 1,002.74 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds East, 334.24 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 1305.58 feet; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 39 seconds West, 334.27 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds East, 1305.22 feet to the point of beginning. PARCEL 11 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE 2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West along the section line, 632.57 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East 1305.88 feet for the point of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 653.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds West, 667.93 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 652.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 39 seconds East, 667.88 feet to point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH an easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities as shown on Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 188, Page 132, Crawford County Records, PARCEL 12 (BRADFORD LAKE ESTATES, PHASE 2) Being a part of Section 1, Town 28 North Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds West along the section line, 632.57 feet; thence South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 1959.00 feet for point of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees 11 minutes 39 seconds East, 653.12 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West, 667.95 feet; thence North 1 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds West, 652.79 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 01 seconds East, 667.93 feet to point of beginning. TOGETHER WITH right of way for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities as granted in instrument recorded in Liber 188, Pages 127, 128 and 129, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as: 6744 Smalley Trl Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-006-00 (Parcel 6), Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-011-00 (Parcel 11), Tax Parcel No.: 031-001-002-012-00 (Parcel 12). The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 10, 2011 By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney for Plaintiff 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 WWR# 10070784

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Dated: December 1, 2011

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ANTHONY PARKER AND MICHELE MARIE PARKER, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2005, and recorded June 23, 2005, in Liber 676, Page 19, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$53,980.50, including interest at 9.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel No. 17: The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 16, T26N, R2W; c/k/a 2644 Cambay Trail, Grayling, MI 49738. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: November 10, 2011

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sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David W. Farmer and Jackie R. Farmer husband and wife, original mortgagors(s), to Chase Manhattan Bank USA, NA, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2005, and recorded on December 22, 2005 in Liber 679 on Page 122, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 50/100 Dollars (\$109,150.50), including interest at 8.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Block 7, Except the North Fifteen feet of Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, of Plats, Page 80, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #376352F03 (11-24)(12-15)

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jessica L. McBride, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 14, 2010, and recorded on November 16, 2010 in Liber 702 on Page 608, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty and 07/100 Dollars (\$62,554.07), including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 and the South 1/2 of Lot 29, East Branch Estates, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 24, 2011 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #367953F01 (11-24)(12-15)

-24-1-8-15

Notice Lovells Township

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 6:15 PM - 7 PM at the Township Hall (8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738) for the purpose of reviewing assessment clerical errors, omissions, and mutual mistakes of fact.

Cynthia Infante
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2. For Rent

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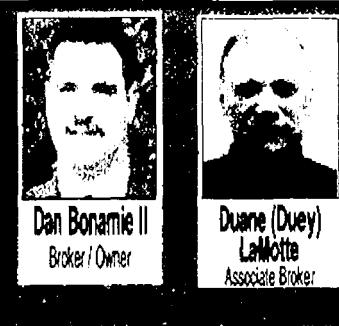
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2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH in city \$425 per month plus utilities, references and deposit, No pets, call 344-7669. (-11/24/11/tf/2)

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3. Employment

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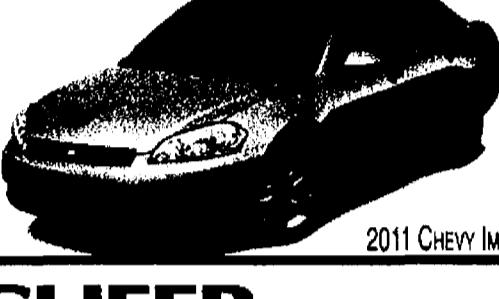
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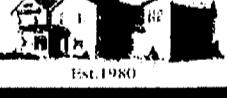
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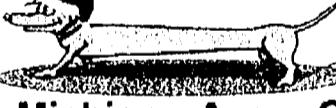
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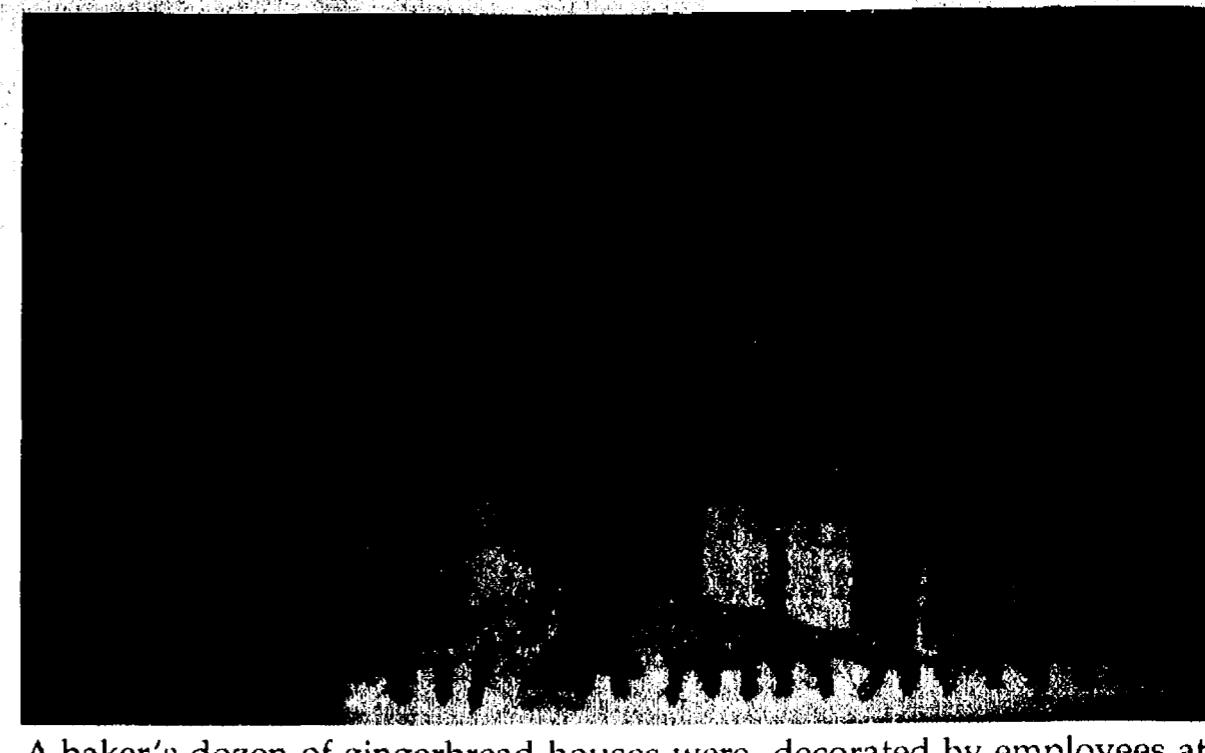
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Gingerbread houses on display at diner



A baker's dozen of gingerbread houses were decorated by employees at the Dawson and Steven's Classic 50's Dinner and The Bottle Cap Museum for Grayling's Christmas Walk. Above, the gingerbread houses will be on display through January.

Ausable Free Clinic receives \$15,000 grant

The Ausable Free Clinic has received a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as part of its support to the uninsured and underinsured residents of Michigan.

The Ausable Free Clinic is a non-profit organization which opened in 2005 to provide health care and referral services to the uninsured, low income residents of Crawford, Oscoda, Roscommon and Montmorency counties.

The clinic has walk-in services every Thursday afternoon staffed by volunteers. The clinic has 75 active volunteers who provided over 980 hours of service in 2010. So far in 2011 the clinic has had 41 Thursday afternoon clinics, serving over 570 patients.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has provided approximately \$7 million in grants since 2005 to help free clinics with daily operations and to enhance the services they provide.

"Free clinics play a vital

role in Michigan's health care system because they serve as a safety net for the uninsured and provide quality health care to people who need it the most," said Lynda Rossi, Blues vice president of Social Mission, Public Affairs and Office of the President. "These clinics also help reduce the need for expensive emergency room care and often provide patients with valuable health education and chronic disease management."

With the Michigan unemployment rate at 11 percent, many residents are going without health insurance. More than one million Michigan residents are currently uninsured. For many of these individuals, free clinics are a lifeline because they are able to seek necessary medical care instead of forgoing care or taking an expensive trip to the emergency room.

Call 989-348-0740 with questions about the clinic services.

Tiger Scouts pay tribute to Mercy Manor veterans



Photo courtesy of Nicki Owens

The Tiger Cub Scouts from Pack #3993 recently paid a visit to Mercy Manor, where they recited the Pledge of Allegiance and gave flags to veterans. Above, from left to right, Ethan Dunn, Paul Snyder, Ben Owens, John Miller, Levi Helsel and Jensen Shambarger are pictured with Mercy Manor residents Ted Spires and Katie Scheiven.

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